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TAGS: PFOR, NATO SALT

SUBJECT: REPORT STATEMENT ON SALT

1. NATO INFORMATION SERVICE PRESS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 6

CARRIED FOLLOWING REUTER'S STORY DATED WASHINGTON:

"THE SOVIET UNION HAS RESPONDED TO U.S. 049-

PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE LAST TWO OBSTACLES

TO A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT,

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID YESTERDAY. A DEPART-

MENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SOVIET RESPONSE-SENT

LAST WEEK-WAS BEING STUDIED, BUT HE GAVE NO

CLUE AS TO WHETHER THE AGREEMENT COULD BE

CONCLUDED IN TIME FOR A SUMMIT MEETING BE-

TWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET COMMUNIST

PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV LATER THIS YEAR.

THE TWO ISSUES BLOCKING CONCLUSION OF THE

'SALT II' AGREEMENT ARE, THE SOVIET BACKFIRE

BOMBER AND U.S. VROUSE MISSILE",

2. RECENT EUR WIRELESS FILE COVERAGE OF DEPARTMENT SPOKES-

MAN'S STATEMENTS CARRIES NOTHING ON POSSIBLE SOVIET RE-

SPONSE TO U.S. SALT PROPOSALS. SINCE WE HAVE ALREADY

RECEIVED ONE QUERY (FROM UKDEL), WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT

OF DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ISSUED, IF ONE HAS BEEN

MADE, AND ANY ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY MATERIAL WE MIGHT

SHARE WITH ALLIES.

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